



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

January 9, 1979

Admiral Stansfield Turner, U.S. Navy
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
CIA Headquarters
Langley, Virginia 20505

Dear Stan,

At the end of your long and distinguished military career--but, I am glad to note, not the end of your government service--I want to take this opportunity to express the gratitude of your fellow Americans and my own sincere appreciation for your devoted service to the United States Navy and the nation.

One of the great strengths of our country is the willingness of men of your caliber to devote their talents to positions of military leadership. From your early days as a surface warfare officer, through a succession of positions of great trust and responsibility as President, Naval War College, Commander Second Fleet, and Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, your service has been in the highest military tradition. Most recently, under your skillful and productive management as DCI, the intelligence community and the Central Intelligence Agency have served the most urgent needs of our nation at a time of critical importance. The United States is indeed fortunate to have you continuing in this vital position.

As you retire from military service you have my best wishes for every happiness in the years ahead; I look forward to our continued association.

Sincerely,

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By Mrs. C. S. Turner
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Harold Brown
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT : Mediterranean Study

1. While still assigned as Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, there seemed to me to be a need for something which could help military commanders, commanding officers of ships or, for that matter, any U.S. Government representative in the Mediterranean area to understand the continuing complex forces which influence decisions in that part of the world. Existing material provided good historic, geographic, and contemporary coverage, but I could find nothing which identified those currents of history, culture, or tradition which cause people around the Mediterranean littoral to see and react to issues. In short, I felt that our commanders in the Mediterranean needed some form of succinct help in understanding why the nations of the area react in the way they do.

2. ISA and Navy agreed to support a project which would cause papers to be written by eminent scholars in the United States attempting to identify the factors which influence decision-makers and the general public in this region. These papers were discussed in a series of seminars at The School of Advanced International Studies at the Johns Hopkins University. From these papers and discussions, key factors were identified and distilled into short precis which a busy commander could read to gain the essence of a country's or region's behavior. The attached volume is the result. It is not meant to be a definitive work, but rather a prototype of similar volumes about other parts of the world which might be produced if this one proves useful. If the principal goal of this endeavor has been met, this work should reflect fundamental, long-term factors which time and events will change only slowly.

3. Copies are being distributed to interested offices in the Department of Defense as shown on the attached list. I wanted you to have one for yourself and am enclosing a copy.



STANSFIELD TURNER

Attachments
As stated

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The Mediterranean in International Politics:
Patterns of Change and Continuity

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